Intro. The 2 British sailors at the dog show - Skye Terrier
"Which hend is 'is 'ead, Bill?"
(1) "Blowed if I know". "But I'll stick a pin in 'em and
you look which 'nd barks."

Is the Church's Job a Man's Job!

I. The Work of the Church.

1. What some people think the church is.
   a - A. Swindle. Adam Swindle.
   b - An institution for women & children that
   must be kept up somehow.
   c - How this local church appears to some.
      1. Its former influence lost.
      2. Its work - 2 prescribed services on Sunday; a
      prayer-meeting, a ladies aid. an occasional
      social or special event.
      3. Its minister

2. What the Church has done.
   a - Swept Europe in 4 centuries conquered empires.
   b - Saved culture & civilization thru the Dark Ages.
   c - Inspired genius to create the world's highest
   art, to sing the world's most heavenly
   music, to write the world's sublimest literature
   to establish the world's most just & humane
   govts.
   d - It laid the foundations of our great educational
   medical & philanthropic institutions.
   e - It opened the doors of the heathen world to Gospel
   f - It has ever saved men from their sins,
   comforted them in their sorrows, and in-
   spired the youth of all ages to noble
   lives and deeds.

3. The present job of the Church.

a - President Wilson's conception of it. - Read.

b - Xty the Salvation of Society.

1. The Church is the only institution that stands for the entire social ideal - for the doing of the Will of God in the home, in business, in politics, and in all the relationships that go to make up life.
Not class or partisan or racial. Justice + equity, good-will + mutual aid for all.

2. The Church offers the only power that can overcome the "evil will" of men.

a - Religion, science, education, culture, + reform are but forces of destruction in the hands of "evil will".

b - The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. God is now waiting for the church to apply the gospel Power to society, including the nations

II. Is, then, the task of the Church a Man's job?

1. Oh No. It is God's job.

2. Yes - For man is only a man when he becomes a God-man - helping God to build His K. of righteousness + helping His fellow men into the love of justice + equity, and peace + love.

III. How can the Local Presby. Ch. of Lisyon do its part of the Church's Job?

1. Co-operate with the other churches, if possible
2. It should seek to mould the public opinion of the town.
   a - all things in life are related to religion.
   b - It should concern itself with the practical problems of the community.
   c. It should answer the need for a Y. M. C. A.
      a social center, attracting the youth into a wholesome atmosphere
      Boys clubs
   d. It should study its community life and administer to its needs.

Conclusion - Men of Lisyon - God needs you in this church to help him christianize the social life of your town.

govern themselves accordingly. We shall probably make enemies by suspecting them of enmity. That, as we have seen, is the way enemies are made. That is the fuel which keeps the flames of war forever burning.

Fellow-men, it is bad business, it is devilish business. We are speaking with deliberation and accuracy. What is the devil? He is the accuser, the slanderer. That is the meaning of his name. That is the nature of his occupation. He keeps hell in this world—war and all other kinds of hell—by making men think evil of their fellow-men and nations of their neighbor nations. And to think that our nation should be caught in this infernal coil and set to working the works of the devil!

Must it be? Is the nation which we had hoped was to be the Light-bearer, the Peace-bringer—is she to join the cohorts of darkness and help to extinguish the light that shone around about the shepherds on the Plains of Bethlehem? That, we think, would be the greatest failure that the light has ever suffered since it began to shine. That this nation, so long measurably free from the deadly influence of war, should stand for a year and a half watching the carnage over the sea, and then deliberately join itself to the company of those who make war their trade, is a catastrophe which we, for our own part, never deemed conceivable. We cannot but feel that there must yet be some deliverance from this malign destiny.

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The Church and the Kingdom*

LORD MELBOURNE said cynically that the Church was the last bulwark against Christianity. An institution may be the greatest enemy of the life which gave birth to the institution. The spirit of liberty which gets enshrined in a constitution and a code of laws may be endangered by its very children. It is too true that often the organized Church has been put into the place of religion.

We must not forget that the breakdown of sectarian religion has been largely due to the recognition that the kingdom is bigger than the Church. The Church must be judged by how

said, among other things, "After all, the most vitalizing thing in the world is Christianity. The world has advanced—advanced in what we regard as real civilization, not by material, but by spiritual means."

He made a strong plea for religious co-operation. He said, "The Church has too much depended upon individuals. For example, 'so let thy light shine before men,' has been interpreted to mean, 'put your individual self on a candlestick and shine.' Now the trouble is," the President said, "there are many very poor candles and the light is very dim. It doesn't dispel much of the darkness for me individually to sit on top of a candlestick, but if I can lend such real contribution of spiritual force as I have to my neighbor, to my comrade, and to my friend, draw a circle of friends together and unite our spiritual forces, then we have something more than example—we have co-operation. Co-operation is the vital principle of social life."

The President spoke at length regarding the function of the church in saving society. He said that the individual might be saved for the next world, and we might have an interest in the individual soul in the next world, but not so with society. If society is to be saved at all it must be saved in this world. He said, "The Church has got to work on society with a greater sense of the exigency of the thing than in the case of the individual, because you have got to save society in this world, not in the next. I hope that society isn't going to exist in the next world. It might be amended in several particulars, I venture to say, and I hope that the society in the next world will be amended in those particulars, which I shall not mention. But we have nothing to do with society in the next world. We may have something to do with the individual soul in the next world by getting it started for the next world, but we have nothing to do with society in the next world. We have got to save society so far as it is saved by the instrumentality of Christianity in this world. It is a job, therefore, we have got to undertake immediately and work at all the time, and it is the job of the Church. Christianity is the only force in the world that I have ever heard of that does actually transform life, and the proof of that transformation is to be found all over the Christian world, and is multiplied and repeated as Christianity gains fresh territory in the heathen lands."